

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 COPENH 02471 280935Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 INR-07 LAB-04  
NSAE-00 SIL-01 PA-02 PRS-01 USIA-15 OMB-01 /052 W  
-----281201Z 025858 /42

R 280819Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4359  
INFO AMEMBASSY OSLO  
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

UNCLAS COPENHAGEN 2471

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, PINA, DA  
SUBJECT: BERLINGSKE TIDENDE CONFLICT IN 13TH WEEK; SUPERVISOR'S  
PUBLICATION OF THE PAPER PROVOKES VIOLENCE ON PICKET  
LINES

REF: COPENHAGEN 1806

SUMMARY: BERLINGSKE TIDENDE'S MANAGEMENT HAS DECIDED TO  
PUBLISH AN ABRIDGED EDITION WITH SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL.  
THIS HAS LED TO CLASHES BETWEEN PICKETS AND POLICE.  
MEANWHILE, OTHER NEWSPAPERS HAVE REACHED TEMPORARY AGREEMENTS  
WITH TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WHICH PERMIT THE PAPERS  
TO RESUME PUBLICATION. THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD NEWSMEN  
APRIL 26 THAT ILLEGAL PHYSICAL BLOCKADES OF THE BERLINGSKE  
PUBLISHING HOUSE COULD NOT BE PERMITTED. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING FRUITLESS NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE DISMISSED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL (SEE REFTEL), THE  
MANAGEMENT OF BERLINGSKE TIDENDE, DENMARK'S MOST PRE-  
TIGIOUS DAILY, THIS WEEK DECIDED TO PUBLISH AN ABRIDGED  
EDITION OF THE PAPER USING SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL.  
PAPERS WERE PUBLISHED APRIL 25 AND 26 RESULTING IN  
VIOLENT CLASHES BETWEEN PICKETING TYPOGRAPHER AND  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 COPENH 02471 280935Z

THEIR ALLIES ON ONE SIDE AND DRIVERS IN DISTRIBUTION  
VEHICLES AND THE POLICE ON THE OTHER. IT IS ESTIMATED  
THAT BETWEEN 2500 AND 3000 DEMONSTRATORS HAVE CROWDED  
THE NARROW STREETS NEAR THE BERLINGSKE HUS SINCE  
MONDAY INTENT ON PREVENTING DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAPER.  
THERE HAVE BEEN FEW ARRESTS THUS FAR, BUT SEVEN OR  
EIGHT PEOPLE INCLUDING ONE POLICEMAN WITH A CUT ARTERY

AND ANOTHER WITH A CONCUSSION HAVE BEEN INJURED SUFFICIENTLY TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL ATTENTION. THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE DESCRIBED BY A POLICE OFFICIAL AS THE WORST IN DANISH EXPERIENCE SINCE THE "WORLD BANK RIOTS" IN 1968. LAST NIGHT AND EARLY THIS MORNING, HOWEVER, THE DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTED IN A NON-VIOLENT WAY. UNDER POLICE PROTECTION, DISTRIBUTION VEHICLES CARRYING THE BERLINGSKE NEWSPAPER LEFT THE PUBLISHING HOUSE AROUND 7 A.M.

2. SYMPATHY STRIKES AT OTHER NEWSPAPERS AROUND THE COUNTRY ENDED APRIL 25 AND MOST RESUMED PUBLICATION AFTER MORE THAN THREE WEEKS OF IDLENESS. PUBLISHERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TYPOGRAPHERS AND LITHOGRAPHERS SIGNED COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS GRANTING SMALL INCREASES FOR OVERTIME AND SHIFT WORK, BUT THE QUESTION OF RATIONALIZATION WAS PUT OFF BY AN AGREEMENT TO HAVE ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING JOURNALISTS AND SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL, JOIN IN DISCUSSIONS ON FURTHER TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS. ACTUALLY, COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN THE PUBLISHING FIELD HAD BROKEN DOWN COMPLETELY IN MARCH. ALTHOUGH THE SUBSEQUENT WALKOUTS WERE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING IN SYMPATHY WITH THE DISMISSED WORKERS OF BERLINGSKE TIDENDE, THEY WERE ALSO IN PROTEST AGAINST THE FAILURE TO COME TO AGREEMENT IN THE SPECIAL NEGOTIATIONS. THESE AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED APRIL 25 AND HAVE ESTABLISHED PEACE BETWEEN THE PARTIES (EXCEPT FOR BERLINGSKE TIDENDE), WHILE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 COPENH 02471 280935Z

THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS RELATED TO TECHNICAL INNOVATION ARE BEING DISCUSSED. THIS "PERIOD OF PEACE" EXPIRES OCTOBER 1.

3. QUERIED BY REPORTERS THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 26, PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN SAID THAT ILLEGAL PHYSICAL BLOCKADES COULD NOT BE TOLERATED AND THAT THE POLICE ENJOYED THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES, NAMELY, INSURING PEACEFUL PASSAGE IN AND OUT OF THE BERLINGSKE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

4. COMMENT: DANISH TELEVISION RECENTLY CARRIED DETAILED REPORT ON THE NEW COMPUTERIZED METHODS WHICH CAN BE USED TO PRODUCE NEWSPAPERS. THE PROGRAM LEFT MANY DANES WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT TYPOGRAPHERS ARE NOT REALLY NECESSARY ANY MORE. PUBLICATION OF BERLINGSKE TIDENDE BY MANAGEMENT ALONE IS REINFORCING THIS VIEW. THE TYPOGRAPHERS, WHOSE UNION HAS LONG BEEN SUBJECT TO THE INFLUENCE OF A STRONG COMMUNIST

MINORITY AND WHO EARN FAR MORE THAN THE AVERAGE DANISH WORKER, ARE BELIEVED IN ANY CASE TO HAVE LOST THE SYMPATHY OF THE POPULACE.

5. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE LOST REVENUE AMOUNTING TO BETWEEN 150 AND 175 MILLION KRONER (DKR. 5.98 EQUALS \$1.00) AS A RESULT OF THE STRIKE. MOST OBSERVERS THOUGHT THAT THE PUBLISHERS, NEVERTHELESS, WOULD NOT RISK PUBLICATION OF THE PAPER WITH SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL BECAUSE THIS WAS SURE TO PROVOKE BOYCOTT ACTION BY TRUCKERS, FERRY SAILORS AND OTHER UNIONIZED WORKERS IN BRANCHES RELATED TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAPER. BUT, FOLLOWING ON THE AGREEMENTS REACHED BY THE OTHER PAPERS, BERLINGSKE'S MANAGEMENT NOW APPARENTLY FEELS THE TIME HAS COME TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON THE TYPOGRAPHERS. AND ASSURED THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, TO THE DEGREE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 COPENH 02471 280935Z

EXPRESSED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S WORDS, THE PAPERS MANAGEMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE THIS TACTIC.

DEAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PICKETING, LABOR STRIKES, NEWSPAPERS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 28-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977COPENH02471  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770148-0959  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** COPENHAGEN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770411/aaaaaioa.tel  
**Line Count:** 142  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 612c3e9c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 COPENHAGEN 1806  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2670377  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** BERLINGSKE TIDENDE CONFLICT IN 13TH WEEK; SUPERVISOR'S PUBLICATION OF THE PAPER PROVOKES VIOLENCE ON PICKET LINES  
**TAGS:** ELAB, PINS, DA  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/612c3e9c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009